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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, US, CU

SUBJECT: US DISCUSSIONS WITH CUBA  
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2. FOR USNATO: YOU MAY INFORM LUNS AND THE PERMREPS OF THE FOLLOWING ON MARCH 24 PRIOR TO 1200 HOURS WASHINGTON TIME.
3. BEGIN MESSAGE: US REPRESENTATIVES WILL HOLD INITIAL TALKS WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF CUBA ON MARCH 24. THESE

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